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With every violent attack on Copts, the same scenario of events takes place. The State Security forces the Coptic victims to an unofficial 'reconciliation meeting', in which they are forced to give up their rights, and the perpetrators go unpunished. Such a 'reconciliation meeting' for the villagers of Ezbet Boushra-East is scheduled for 6/30/09; the outcome of this meeting is already known by the Copts.

On June 26, 2009 the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** expressed its concern regarding this attack and called on the Egyptian Government to protect the Copts and their property. "This latest incident is another example of the upsurge of violence against Coptic Christians we have seen in the past few years,"

said Felice D. Gaer, chair of the Commission.

"The Commission has long expressed concern that the Egyptian government does not do enough to protect Christians and their property in Egypt, nor does the government adequately bring perpetrators of such violence to justice."